

Gentlemen: I have read with great interest the several proposals for rule making regarding the current and future requirements as to Element 1 of the amateur radio examination schedule. It is my considered opinion as one who has been licensed for over Thirty - five years that at the minimum, morse code requirements should remain as they are now. I fully suport the suggestion by K2OKA ; RM - 10806. My reasoning for this support is that I really don't want to see the Amateur Radio Art denegrated into the abyss of Citizen's Band Radio. The other reason for my support of the 5 WPM code requirement is that I really believe that ALL Hams should have some familiarity with CW so that if called upon, any one of them could at least transmit a simple SOS or other distress signal with no other mode of transmission available in the particular circumstance.

Thank you all for hearing me out.

Very truly,

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